

## A TRAGEDY OF THE ARCTIC.

### The Fate of Thirty Men Who Remained While Their Ship-mates Went Home.

St. Johns Daily Tribune.

While on a recent visit to St. Johns Mr. Tetlow, an Englishman, related the following story to a reporter concerning Captain Momsan, who is to take charge of the ship in which Dr. Nanson is to attempt this summer to reach the North pole:

"A few years back Captain Momsan and another captain were out whaling near the coast of Spitzbergen, when they were frozen in earlier than they expected. A conference of the officers of both ships was held on board Captain Momsan's vessel, when it was found that they had not sufficient provisions left to last them till the following summer. On the opposite side of Spitzbergen ninety miles away, there was a cache containing food supplied by the Danish and Swedish governments for the use of shipwrecked sailors, the existence of which was known to Momsan, and he found that by sending thirty men across the island to the cache there would be sufficient provisions on board the two ships to last the remainder till the ice broke up in the following July.

Volunteers were called for and thirty were selected from among the crews of both vessels to cross the island in sledges to the cache, which they expected to reach in thirty days. The men left, and a few days afterward Momsan and his fellow captain got clear, owing to an unexpected breaking up of the ice. They immediately set sail for Norway, knowing that the cache contained sufficient provisions to keep the thirty men who were left behind alive till the following summer. In the ensuing July a rescue expedition was sent out from Norway in charge of Captain Momsan and, having arrived in the bay near where the cache was situated, they fired a gun, but got no response from the shore.

Captain Momsan says that he went ashore with a sinking heart, for he feared the worst, and the result proved that he was right, for on entering the hut built over the cache, he found himself in the presence of thirty dead bodies. The leader of the expedition sat at the table dead, with his open diary before him written up to within three days of Momsan's arrival, and in it he explained that the men suffered such hardship in crossing Spitzbergen that they ate ravenously when they reached the cache.

In that climate, he said, it was absolutely necessary to health that exercise should be taken in the open air for a certain number of hours every day, but that he had been powerless to enforce discipline among them and the result was that one after the other sickened and died. One man was actually found dead in his bunk with a parcel of loaf sugar grasped in his frozen hands. The relief party could do nothing but bury the dead, and so hard was the ground frozen on the island that dynamite had to be used to hollow out the graves. Captain Momsan then returned to Norway."

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**Fun Loving Train Wreckers.**  
Decatur, Ill., Feb. 9.—Since February Detective Hiram T. Warner of the Illinois Central, has been looking for the persons who piled ties on the Champaign branch of the Illinois Central. The passenger train narrowly escaped being wrecked on the morning of January 30. Yesterday the detective swore out warrants for Frank Shutter and Lewis Hirsch of Whitmore township. They were arrested and locked up to day. They say they put the ties on the track for the fun of seeing the engine knock them off.

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### PANAMA BOODLERS SENTENCED.

Count De Lesseps and Son Each Get 5 Years' Imprisonment.

Eiffel, Fontaine and Cotta Escape With Two Years Each.

Paris, February 9.—[Copyrighted 1883, by James Gordon Bennett.]—Ferdinand de Lesseps and his son Charles have been sentenced to five years' imprisonment; Cotta, Eiffel and Fontaine two years each. It has produced a striking effect on the public, who approve all the other sentences, but do not understand that of De Lesseps, Sr. Nobody can forget the role he has played or that it was he whom the public named "Le Grand Français." All know that he has been deemed worthy of every honor and glory. He is a member of the French Academy, has a Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor, and was for twenty years the real representative of France when he traveled abroad. And now he is condemned to five years' imprisonment, notwithstanding his age of fourscore and eight, notwithstanding the fact that his mental state is such that he can never know of his condemnation. The other sentences appear to be just, especially that of Eiffel, who, as I cabled you during the trial, had public opinion against him from the first. When the judgment was read it produced a kind of stupor upon the barristers and the public crowded the audience chamber in the palace of Justice, especially upon those who looked for the acquittal of De Lesseps. As a natural consequence the "men of law" do not hesitate to qualify the judgment as having a political character and being a consequence of yesterday's sittings in the Chamber, when all the Deputies appeared to monopolize virtue at any price. It remains to be seen whether public opinion will ratify the judgment. I think not. But we have seen since the commencement of the Panama affair so many changes of opinion that nothing is impossible. Yet public opinion will never approve the condemnation of the aged De Lesseps. The condemned men can take their case into the court of Cassation, but men of law do not think they will have any chance of changing the sentence of the court except perhaps in the case of Eiffel, whose sentence is said to contain a slight judicial irregularity. In any case, real French patriots are chagrined to see two men like De Lesseps and Eiffel, whose names are known over the whole universe, abused and condemned to imprisonment, while other political culprits escape. At least justice should be free from political influence. The condemned men are entirely broken down. They expected to be acquitted. A violent discussion took place between Emanuel Arène and Andrieux, who exchanged some very "tall language."

JACQUES ST. CERE.

Yellow fever at Buenos Ayers is increasing and more vigorous quarantine measures, especially against Brazil, have been established.

### Confessed on the Gallows.

Pittsburg, Va., Feb. 9.—On the night of July 29, 1861, John P. Eps, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Suffolk, this state, was shot and killed by a negro minister named John B. Royster, while quietly walking down the track of the Norfolk and Western railroad in company with a companion. Eps had given the negro no provocation whatever. The murdered man was one of the most prominent citizens of Suffolk, and his brutal assassination naturally caused much excitement in the town. Royster left home and for three days large posers of men were scouring the country in every direction but his whereabouts could not be learned. The case was then placed in the hands of detectives, and on the 8th day of February, 1892, just a year ago to-day, Royster was captured in eastern North Carolina. He was brought back to Suffolk and last October he was convicted in the circuit court of that place of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged on the 9th of February, 1893. Royster made a full confession from the gallows, but said he shot Eps through mistake for another man who had been unduly intimate with his wife. The trap was sprung at 12:27 o'clock. Royster's neck was broken by the fall. His body was turned over to his friends.

### A Mystery Clearing.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 9.—A mysterious death was probably cleared up here to day. On January 25 an old man who registered at the Mahnecke hotel under the name of W. P. P. Hughes of Texas, was found dead in his bed, presumably from apoplexy. There was no papers on his person by which he could be recognized and he was buried. An account of the death being published in the papers, it was suspected Mrs. Thomas McGrath of Houston that the dead man was her husband. H. Materson, an attorney representing her, arrived here to day and from the description of the deceased it is evident that he was Thomas McGrath of Houston. He is said to have been eccentric and for years has not lived with his wife. He leaves a large estate in lands and other property scattered in Texas and California, but left no will so far as known, and very few papers by which the property can be secured to his heirs.

### A Deadly Snowslide.

Ouray, Colo., Feb. 9.—A great snowslide at Hanging Rock, on Mount Sneffels road, about five miles above here killed four men to day, belonging to the John Ashenfelter freighting outfit. They are Hank Hecalf, foreman; John Swayne, Martin White and one unknown. A team had got off the road and the men were trying to get it on the track again when the slide came and carried away the four men and the team. None of the bodies have been recovered. It has been snowing incessantly for twenty-four hours and other disasters are feared.

Frank Dawson, a stranger, was found dead in bed at the European hotel, St. Joseph, Mo.

### THE ANTI-OPTION BILL.

Inquiries as to its Probable Fate Inform That It Cannot Pass.

The Republic Bureau, Cor. 11th St. Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C., Feb. 8, 1893. Representative Cobb of Missouri to day received telegrams from New York, New Orleans, St. Louis and Nashville, asking him about the anti-option bill. The telegrams show that the senders of them know that the bill is practically dead and that they fear it may be slipped through by the expert use of parliamentary tactics. Mr. Cobb answered the dispatches by telling the senders that there was no probable chance of the bill getting through the house.

During the past week Mr. Cobb has received no less than 15 telegrams each day, the senders of which wanted to know what the fate of the bill would be. Only till to day did he feel justified in answering them in the manner stated. This was not because he believed the bill was dead, but because he wanted to be very cautious in his replies. Mr. Cobb says that every day the opposition to the bill gains in strength. This insures, of course, the adjournment of this congress without the bill getting through the house.

### Cholera in South France.

Paris, Feb. 1.—The first cases of cholera were reported in Marseilles no longer than the beginning of the present month, but that the disease has spread since with startling rapidity there is no doubt. On Monday there was 12 cases and 7 deaths and yesterday 37 cases and 12 deaths, 40 deaths having occurred since the 1st inst. For some time the deaths were reported to be due to choleraic disorders, the authorities deeming it best to keep the matter secret, but it is now absolutely certain that the epidemic is Asiatic cholera. The authorities are taking the most stringent measures. Forty-four persons died in Marseilles to day.

### For Retaining a Pension Certificate.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 9.—Miss A. E. Taylor, who loans money in the American Bank building, was arrested this morning by Deputy United States Marshal Siddle on a charge of retaining the pension certificate of Marquis L. Welch an old soldier living at the Leavenworth Soldiers' home. Welch avers that he borrowed \$40 from Miss Taylor, for which he agreed to give her \$14 and at another time \$2, for which he agreed to give her \$3. For both these amounts he gave his note for \$17, and deposited his pension certificate for security. Now she finds herself under arrest for retaining a pension certificate as security. She was taken before United States Commissioner Nuckols and her preliminary examination set for February 17. John O'Grady and Michael Boland signed her bond.

Conductor Crawford and brakeman Quinlan of a snow plow train were burned to death by the capsizing of the caboose near Fargo, N. D.

### New Mining Sensation.

Potosi, Mo., Feb. 8.—One day last summer while Hans Miller, a German, was engaged in plowing corn in a field seven miles northeast of Potosi his attention was attracted to a piece of galena which he had turned over with his plow. Little was thought of the matter at the time, but within the last few months permits have been granted to mine upon the property. In almost every instance large leads of lead ore have been struck at various depths, ranging from 3 to 90 feet. Several are taking out as much as 1,000 pounds of ore per day, working only two hands. The mine is known as Plate Diggins, is owned by minor heirs, and attracting much attention in this county. The ore smelts close to 80 per cent.

### Mexico Mountain's of Gold.

Durango, Mexico, Feb. 8.—Hon. Jaun Manuel Flores, Governor of State of Durango, has created the greatest excitement in mining circles of this state and throughout the northern part of the republic by announcing that he has discovered what he believes to be the famous mountain of gold, the legend of Mexico. He states that whether or not the discovery is that of the lost mountain yet it is one of the richest in Durango, as has been demonstrated by explorations of numerous veins of gold, all of which converge into the supposed mountain of gold. The governor has not divulged the location of his valuable find, but it is said to be the first range of the Sierra Madre mountains, within 80 leagues of this city.

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A call has been issued, signed by over a hundred merchants and farmers, for a mass meeting at Crockett Tex., Saturday, to perfect a permanent organization for the reduction of the cotton acreage in the county.

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